HAZMAT Appointment Orders and Certification Statements:

The FY13 Worldwide Ammunition Logistics and Explosives Safety Review Program conducted in accordance with Army Regulation 700-13 revealed a high level of non-compliance in the area of HAZMAT appointment orders on file in the Transportation Office and required signatures on certification statements. To enhance compliance and best practices the following information is provided:

Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) 4500.9-R chapter 204, paragraph D. 4., requires all personnel signing certification statements on shipping papers must be appointed in writing by the activity or unit CDR or designated representative. The appointment must include the scope of authority and expiration date. A copy of appointment orders will be provided to the Transportation Office.

DTR 4500.9-R chapter 204, paragraph D. 5 states: In all cases, the individual who signs the certification statement must personally inspect the HAZMAT item being certified.

DTR, Chapter 204 (Hazardous Material) is available at http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/part-ii/